

Santa Clara Community Organization  
Executive Board meeting minutes  
March 7, 2024  
Messiah Lutheran Church & hybrid meeting

Those in attendance – total 15 (6 board members, 7 residents, 2 presenters)

<u>Board members</u>		<u>Residents</u>		<u>*hybrid attendees</u>
				<u>Presenters</u>
Jerry Finigan	Jerry Mohr	Gary Wildish	Deneen Foelker*	Joy Marshall
Tim Foelker	Matt Vohs	Mary Leontovich*	Gary Haliski	Sarah Wolf
Kate Perle	Louie Vidmar	Matt Irvin	Scott Sorenson	
		Erlene Christensen		

The meeting was called to order at 7:02 p.m. by the Chair, Kate Perle. Self-introductions were called for. She called for a motion to adopt the February 1 minutes. Tim made the following corrections: Where the title “Eugene Parks and Recreation” is used, it should be corrected to “Eugene Parks and Open Spaces”. Where the title “Santa Clara Water District” is used, it should be corrected to “Santa Clara Water District Board”. In the report of the Santa Clara Community Foundations, it should say “finalizing” the contract with Eugene Parks and Open Spaces, rather than “drafting”. Tim moved the minutes should be approved with these corrections, Matt Vohs seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

Kate introduced Joy Marshall, presenter for “Yes for 4J Schools. Joy explained the upcoming levy to advantage schools in District 4J. She said the levy continues funding that will be sunseting and that approval of the levy would not change the tax rates for schools. She urged supporting the levy.

Kate introduced Sarah Wolf who used a power point to explain the voting system known as “Star Voting”. She explained how this system worked and explained the advantages it has over the existing system and rank voting. She urged voting for this system for City of Eugene officers on the upcoming ballot.

Kate announced a lack of General Meeting quorum to vote on a proposed bylaws change and Board election. This will be postponed to the April meeting.

Reports:

- In her absence, Terri Reed submitted a written report on the food drive in support for Food For Lane County. There were \$2250 collected in cash plus \$214 donated on the day of the drive and 541 pounds of food collected. She thanked those who volunteered their time.
- Terri also filed a report on the progress of planning for the Concert in Awbrey Park, 2024. The concert is scheduled for August 4 from 1 to 4:30 p.m. A planning committee met and discussed the details of the concert including food accommodations and parking. The next meeting is scheduled via Zoom on Wednesday, March 20 at 10 a.m. and will involve the department of Cultural Services and Parks and Open Spaces.
- Gary Haliski reported that there is one more work session (April 6) before the Awbrey Park Wildflower Festival scheduled for May 4. This last session will concentrate on spreading bark chips on the trails in preparation for the Festival.

- Santa Clara Community Foundation: Tim reported on the last work party at Hileman Landing. These work parties continue on the last Saturday of each month from 9 to 2. The Foundation still is prioritizing finding funding and finding insurance to cover the Schoolhouse Project: awaiting quotes from 3 insurance companies. . Jerry Mohr said she is working on getting Quick Books set up for the Foundation accounts. Kate has been meeting with the City to determine what permits may be needed. Architectural drawings might be required. Kate has been trying to coordinate with Mark Cosmos, consultant planner for the Santa Clara Regional Park to determine how utilities for the park can accommodate the Schoolhouse Project.
- Kate reported on the Neighborhood Plan. She said the next step is a joint County Commissioners and City Council hearing on the Plan on March 12. Oral and written testimony may be submitted. She said the Citizen advisory Committee has submitted a letter in response to the reticence of the Council to include code amendments and she has sent a draft of another possible letter to the SCCO Board that might be submitted as well from them.
- Land Use: (Kate reporting)
  - 94 Irvington: annexation request
  - Dutch Bros. rebuild in parking lot at Walgreens for queuing 2 lanes
  - Lot validation at 214 Grizzly
  - Partition to 2 lots: Ogren Living Trust (east end of Terra Linda)
  - Final plat for middle housing subdivision on Hyacinth, across from Irving Elementary
  - 14 new lots for Eden Estates (801 River Loop #1)

Announcements:

- Gary Haliski reported that the City has planted 141 trees in the vacant River Loop 1 Park.
- Louis reported that the Scottish Festival is scheduled at Irving Grange May 25
- Kate reported that the program next month with focus on the issue of homelessness and the May meeting will be a forum at Madison Middle School to discuss the public safety
- Kate reported that Joel Robe has resigned from Ready Northwest and we need a representative for disaster preparedness.
- Kate asked Louis if he wants to continue being the SCCO rep a the Neighborhood Leaders Council. Louis said he will try to make it to their meetings in the future.

Other matters: Erlene said she and some neighbors were concerned that current infrastructure might not be able to accommodate the increasing dense development in the area. Gary H. suggested that we might schedule a meeting where EWEB and Metro Wastewater might be able to answer questions on this issue.

Meeting adjourned at 8:42 p.m.

Submitted: Jerry Finigan, Secretary